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Your letter of 15 February 1962, addressed to the President of the United States, has been referred to the Central Intelligence Agency for reply. John A. McCone, Director of Central Intelligence, thanks you for letting us know of your protest and the reasons for it.

The Senate and House Armed Services subcommittees jointly issued a statement following Mr. McCone's testimony on the Powers case. A copy of that statement is enclosed for your information.

Again let me thank you for letting us know your thoughts regarding the exchange. The Central Intelligence Agency, as well as other interested Government authorities and a board of inquiry have thoroughly investigated the Powers case. There was no "payoff" from Russia that his wife brought here just prior to Powers' flight to Russia." As the wife of a retired U.S. Navy submariner and the mother of a U.S. Navy pilot and officer, you will, I am sure, agree that Mr. Powers, a former Air Force pilot, was entitled to an impartial, thorough, and fair investigation.

Sincerely yours,

Stanley J. Grogan
Assistant to the Director

Enclosure

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